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**WOUND CLOSURE DRESSING WITH CONTROLLED STRETCHABILITY**

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**Abstract of the Disclosure**

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A stretchable and contractible wound closure dressing is disclosed having an adhesive bodyside layer preferably formed of an hydrocolloid-containing liquid-absorbing adhesive material layer, a vapor-permeable elastomeric backing layer secured to one surface of said adhesive layer, and a multiplicity of flexible but essentially non-stretchable reinforcing members extending in spaced parallel relation across said dressing for preventing stretching of said dressing only in directions parallel with said members.

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